

Green Team (GT) Notes from May20, 2010--Thanks everyone.

Attendees—Connie Mendolia, Nan Peckham, Carmen Holtzman, KC Alexander,, Judy Belaval, Kim Trella, Judy Prill, Kevin Sullivan, William Shedrawy, Carol Ladue, Justin Kearney

1. A quick update on the Green Purchasing Training that is taking place on Thursday 5/27 and the success of getting the policy signed etc. was provided. Green Team members were invited to attend and thanked those who provided food.
2. Re-Using Yale's Recycling Containers. Judy Belaval provided information on Yale's surplus of recycling bins that were free to DEP. We now have about 100 recycling baskets (small, desk size), and 50 metal recycling containers to use throughout the building. I vaguely recall someone suggesting that we try putting a recycling bin for beverage containers near the other "communal" trash bins in the area with the mini-bin pilot. **Follow-up on this idea, if worthy.**
3. Status of Multi-Function Machine enabling and future training – We did not discuss this since we did not have an IT representative at the meeting. **We need to follow up on this and try to get this to happen soon.**
4. Progress made on Energy Conservation – We graphed electricity consumption at 79 Elm Street to show that we have been using less energy. A few months ago, we put together information for a report for Nicole that had information on Green Team success that the group might want to see. Also, DEP has won the NuRide Earth Day Challenge Award for highest participation rate. The ceremony will be in June at the Capital. There was some discussion about ways that NuRide could make the program better, including being able to donate your reward points to non-profits. Many DEP participants don't find the rewards valuable, so are less motivated to log in their shared rides. They would be willing to donate the points to charity. Other ideas included the Earth Day categories – how could a small company ever win in some of the categories that use total numbers rather than percentage. Some Green Team members would be willing to meet and brainstorm with NuRide if they are interested. **Follow-up: 1. Send the Draft Report on Green Team Accomplishments to Green Team members. 2. Connie will get in touch with NuRide to determine their interest.**
5. Paper Saving Software - next steps? This was briefly discussed at the April meeting. It could be a money saver, but DOIT once told the company who makes this that the State doesn't spend money to save money. The Green Team may want to pursue this and get someone from the Business Office, IT and DOIT to a Green Team meeting and have the software person present. They have information and statistics about other states that have used this software and the savings and timeframe. **Follow-up suggested.**
6. Native Garden - new plants were ordered and will be planted in the upcoming weeks with volunteers.
7. Bulletin Board - The 1st floor board needs to be updated. Kevin may be able to organize a meeting of the committee and work on this. One idea was to have the energy graph and NuRide environmental savings graph put up for all to see. **Needs follow-up.**